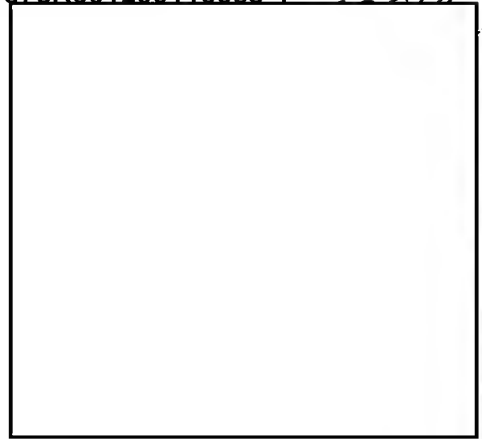


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I have been on the point of acknowledging your kind letter of 20 December but have delayed because a key decision was hanging in the balance. This of course had to do with the filling of the position on the Board of National Estimates that we spoke of at the time of your call.

The Director, after prolonged study, decided to invite another of the general officers who were under consideration. This morning the officer gave us his formal acceptance. I want to thank you for your interest in the Agency and also to have you know that the business of making the choice was a tough one.

With all kind thoughts to the

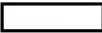


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Sincerely,

SIGNED *Passé*

C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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